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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: THE ATTENTION
SUBJECT: MORNING REPORT

ARAB PRESS COMMENTS ON YOUR TRIP: TODAY, THE IFRAQI NEWSPAPER AL-JUMHURIYAH SAID YOU WILL REVEAL A BIT OF THE CONCEALED "BIG STICK" BUT THEY SEE THE STICK AS FRAGILE. THE JORDANIAN NEWSPAPER AL-JUSTUF SAID YOUR MOVE IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE IT INDICATES INCREASED U.S. ACTIVITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST AREA. THE PAPER CALLS FOR A COORDINATED AND UNITED ARAB STAND.

AAHRAH, IN AN EDITORIAL TODAY HEADLINED "WHAT IS BEHIND THE ACCELERATION OF MISSING U.S. VISITS?", POSES QUESTIONS:

- DO YOU REALIZE THAT AN ESCALATION OF CLASHES WITHOUT DISINGAGEMENT OF FORCES WOULD LEAD TO IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION?
- IS YOUR TRIP CONNECTED WITH DAYAN'S WASHINGTON VISIT OR SO THAT THE RIGHT KIND OF ISRAELI CABINET CAN BE FORMED?
- IS YOUR TRIP BECAUSE OF AN INTERNAL U.S. SHAKY POSITION?

JAPANESE FUEL STATEMENTS: THE PRESS REPORTS JAPAN HAS ORDERED INDUSTRY TO REDUCE ELECTRICITY AND OIL CONSUMPTION BY 15 PERCENT. OFFICIALS SAID IT WOULD PLUNGE NIGHTTIME TOKYO INTO DARKNESS REMINISCENT OF POST WORLD WAR II. ALSO CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY SOSUJI NOXAIDO ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT JAPAN WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE OIL CONFERENCES PROPOSED BY THE PRESIDENT.

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JOBERT CONSIDERS POLITICAL CAREER: FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING RUNNING FOR MAYOR OF ORLEANS IN THE NEXT MUNICIPAL ELECTION. THE NEXT ELECTIONS WILL NOT BE HELD UNTIL MARCH 1977, BUT THE POST COULD BE THE FIRST STEP TOWARD ESTABLISHING A POLITICAL BASE THAT COULD ENSURE HIM A ROLE IN NATIONAL POLITICS AFTER POMPIDOU -- HIS SPONSOR -- LEAVES THE SCENE. WHILE JOBERT -- A BUREAUCRAT THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER -- MAY BE EASING INTO THE UNFAMILIAR ROUTINE OF THE POLITICIAN IN ANTICIPATION OF A FUTURE ELECTION, HE MAY ALSO BE LOOKING TOWARD AN EVEN HIGHER OFFICE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE IS POMPIDOU'S CLOSEST CONTENDANT IN THE CABINET AND SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE IMPOSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO PRIME MINISTER PIERRE MESMER.

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AUSTRALIA TO PROBE POSSIBLE INFORMATION LEAK: THE PRESS REPORTS PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM HAS ORDERED A TOP-LEVEL INVESTIGATION INTO THE LEAKING OF ALLEGED TOP SECRET, SECRET, AND CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS LEARNED THAT MATERIAL DEALING WITH AUSTRALIA'S ATTITUDE TO THE RENEWAL OF AMERICAN BOMBING IN VIETNAM IN DECEMBER 1973 WERE TO APPEAR IN THE CURRENT ISSUE OF A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER WHICH WENT ON SALE TODAY. RADIO AUSTRALIA'S CANBERRA OFFICE SAYS THE PUBLICATION HAS CAUSED SEVERE EMBARRASSMENT TO THEIR GOVERNMENT AND COULD DAMAGE AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

THIEN SPEKS EARLY APPROVAL FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: PRESIDENT THIEN PLANS TO SEEK LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL THIS MONTH FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS POSTPONING THE DATE WHEN PROVINCE CHIEFS MUST BE ELECTED -- UNTIL AFTER THE CURRENT PRESIDENTIAL TERM ENDS IN 1975 -- AND CHANGING THE METHODS OF SELECTING SUPREME COURT JUSTICES TO GIVE THE PRESIDENT A GREATER VOICE.

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PLANNED TO DELAY ACTION ON ALL OF THE AMENDMENTS UNTIL LATE THIS YEAR, BUT HE APPARENTLY HAS DECIDED THAT HE NOW HAS ENOUGH SUPPORT TO SECURE ADOPTION FOR AT LEAST SOME OF THEM.

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WASHINGTON STAR-NEWS: THE HEADLINE IN AN ARTICLE BY DAN TRO-SON IS "DID No Objection to Declassification in Part 2010/09/15 : LOC-HAK-548-12-31-6
THE FULL TEXT IS PROVIDED TO YOU SEPARATELY.
OSWALD JOHNSTON, REPORTING ON YESTERDAY'S NEWS CONFERENCE BY
YOU AND MR. SIMON, SAYS THERE WERE HINTS OF DIRECT GOVERNMENT
INTERVENTION IN FUTURE OIL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND
CONSUMERS.
BRITISH TRAINMEN CALLED OFF THE RAIL WALKOUT TODAY.

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